

BLOOMINGTON MUNICIPAL ADVISORY COUNCIL (MAC)

MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, March 1, 2011

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

ATTENDANCE

Jacqueline Cox Adrian McDaniel Lynda Gonzalez

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes were not approved for lack of a quorum.

STAFF REPORTS

A. California Highway Patrol – Officer Steve Robinson

Officer Robinson reported receiving calls from schools (Mary B Lewis, Joe Smith). The CHP has been responding to the calls. He answered questions from the residents.

B. Sheriff's Department – St. Finneran

St. Finneran encourages residents to call in to report any activity so that the Sheriff's Department can check it out. There were no major crimes. There has been very little crime lately.

C. Special Districts – Tim Millington

Mr. Millington reported the Kessler Project (street and parking lot improvements) is out to bid. A contract will be awarded in forty five (45) days. He answered questions from the residents. On behalf of the Women's Club, Lynda Gonzalez requested to use the back room at Ayala Park since parking is closer for the elderly women members. They have made several request in the past. Mr. Millington will look it to this request and stated room would have to be kept clean.

D. Field Representative – Frances Vasquez

- The Board of Supervisors proclaimed March as Women's History Month in the County of San Bernardino, recognizing the accomplishments of women.
- Ms. Vasquez commended **Eric Scott**, member of the Bloomington MAC. His work regarding the disappearance of North America's giant beavers, saber-toothed cats and other large mammals was featured in a recent issue of ***Scientific American Magazine***, February 19, 2011. She distributed copies of the article. Television news in Las Vegas covered the discovery of Mammoth tusks. Some of the remains will be brought to San Bernardino County Museum.
- The findings from the County Visioning meetings will be reported at the State of the County meeting on April 6th at the San Bernardino airport. Ms. Vasquez distributed promotional cards for the event.
- Senator McLeod has partnered up with EDD to host the Inland Empire Women's Military Veterans Appreciation Brunch. This event will be held during Women's Military History Week on March 18, 2011 at 658 E. Brier Drive in San Bernardino. They plan to honor 50 women veterans. They currently have 25 women. She encouraged residents to call Senator McLeod's office at (909) 621 2783 for more information.
- General Code Enforcement had 125 open cases. Health and safety cases take priority over public nuisance concerns. There are 6 marijuana facilities receiving administrative citations. The county wide complaint line is (800) 722 3181. The final PACE project area is bounded by Hawthorn, Alder, Marygold, and Locus Avenues. Flyers were

distributed inviting residents to the community meeting at Mary B. Lewis Elementary School on March 8 at 7 pm. There will be a clean up on March 19th for project area residents only. The schedule for community clean ups should be coming out this month. Ms. Vasquez read out phone numbers to contact Code Enforcement, and answered questions from the residents.

OLD BUSINESS

A. Update on Proposed Medical Marijuana Ordinance – Frances Vasquez

Ms. Vasquez gave an update on the County's proposed medical marijuana ordinance. The MAC voted unanimously to draft a letter in support of the ordinance. The letter was presented to the Planning Commission meeting on February 3, 2011. The meeting was continued to February 17. The Planning Commission heard arguments from both sides of the issue. Three MAC members spoke, including Betty Gosney, Jacqueline Cox, and Adrian McDaniel. David Soto spoke on half of the Bloomington community. The Planning Commission voted unanimously to recommend approval to the Board of Supervisors of a proposed land use ordinance related to medical marijuana dispensaries in the County's unincorporated areas. Ms. Vasquez read the main provisions of the proposed ordinance.

NEW BUSINESS

A. SANBAG Update, I-10 Freeway Riverside Interchange Project – Jane Dreher & Staff

The City of Rialto, SANBAG, and Caltrans are replacing the interchange at the Interstate 10 and Riverside Avenue located in Rialto. The overall project cost was estimated at \$30 million. Financing was provided by federal and state funds, and Rialto Redevelopment Agency bonds. Ms. Dreher and her staff presented their Public Outreach Plan for the Bridge Demolition and Reconstruction. Questions from the residents were answered. The project helpline is (909) 889 86611 x102. Timeline:

- April 2011 Bridge Closed for demolition and reconstruction for approx 6-7 months.
- Fall 2011 Anticipated completion of bridge portion of project
- Late 2011 Overall project completion

B. Bloomington Valley Riders Presentation – Eric Davenport

Mr. Davenport played a video showing the Bloomington Valley Riders in action and the benefits they bring to the community. Trail trials will be held on March 19 and 20.

ITEMS FOR UPCOMING MEETINGS

Medical marijuana ordinance update; disaster preparedness.

YOUTH MEMBER REPORT

A. Andrew Holmes- Student

A free choir concert will be held on March 2nd at Bloomington High School at 7:00pm. The wrestling team won CIF and Boys Soccer won their League. In three (3) months Andrew Holmes will bring in his replacement since he will be graduating from high school. He was asked to opening up for ZZ Top and Carlos Santana concert in New Mexico this summer.

MEMBER REPORTS

- Lynda thanked everyone for coming and shared that Norco home values have not decreased as much since it is considered horse property.
- Adrian McDaniel thanked Eric Davenport for sharing his video.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Antonio Carrillo gave ten (10) email safety tips to the residents for their protection.

Eric Davenport spoke about disaster preparedness. People who get prepared will be ready for disasters. His father's military club is sponsoring a raffle on until June 19th for scholarships.

NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED – April 5, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

ADJOURN MEETING

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 p.m.